

SENATE BILL 2453

By Harper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
relative to charter schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 13, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Transparency in Charter School Finance Act."

(b) In addition to the requirements of §§ 49-13-140 and 49-13-120, the governing body of the public charter school or, if the public charter school is operated by a charter management organization, the advisory school council created under § 49-13-109 shall disclose for every fiscal year:

(1) Salaries and other payments made to each public charter school employee;

(2) If individuals who work in the public charter school are paid through a contract between the public charter school and a third party, the salaries and other payments made to each such individual by the third party;

(3) The amounts and a description of any contract payments made to a public charter school that exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); and

(4) The amounts of any payments received by a public charter school, including grants, donations, and contract payments, and an explanation of those payments.

(c)

(1) For purposes of this subsection (c):

(A) "Family" means one's spouse, parents, siblings, and children or the parents, siblings, and children of one's spouse; and

(B) "Financial interest" means a financial interest as defined in § 56-35-102(4).

(2) If a public charter school makes payments to any business entity that exceeds one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in any fiscal year, the public charter school shall disclose if any of its directors, officers, or employees, or any family member of a family of the director, officer, or employee, have a financial interest in the business.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.